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I made a diagnosis of symptomatic typhus and have no cause to change my opinion in spite of the fact that there is no chance for an etiological diagnosis.

I returned to Mobile to procure the history of his four days' illness at the Providence Infirmary but learned that the sheets had been destroyed during the disinfection. I submit a copy of a letter from Dr. Festorazzi, who cared for the man after his arrival in Mobile. I regret that I have no record as kept at quarantine by Dr. Goldthwaite.

Respectfully, yours,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

MOBILE, ALA., August 2, 1899.

DEAR DOCTOR: Referring to the case of A. Mommsen, the third engineer of Danish steamship *Flandria*, Captain Hansen, who died of typhus fever, I beg leave to submit to you the following statement: I deeply regret to state that Sister Augustine, of the Providence Infirmary, has informed me that she destroyed the clinical charts of this case. From Captain Hansen I have received the following: Steamer left Santiago for Mobile July 8, and third engineer took sick with the fever on the 9th. He remained ill the entire trip, and on reaching the city on July 15 I was informed by telephone between the hours of 8 and 8.30 p. m. that the *Flandria* had an engineer very ill, and that the captain desired him to be placed at once in a hospital. I instructed that the patient be sent at once to the Providence Infirmary. I saw the third engineer for the first time at about 9 or 9.30 that night at the infirmary. The man appeared very ill, his temperature about $101\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ F., pulse weak and rapid.

Sunday morning visited the patient about 8 a. m. and found his condition about the same. Monday morning his condition was worse, temperature during Sunday evening and night showed a rise, and nurse's record on fever chart a temperature of 103 to 104° F. with a weak, rapid, and fast pulse. From Monday till Wednesday his fever remained unchanged, very high, with corresponding fast pulse. Patient seemed to have tendency to coma; unable to sleep day or night; very nervous and delirious.

It was Monday morning that the nurse called my attention to the eruption on the patient's body. Noticed eruption on his arms, chest, and back; the eruption was slight and faint on the lower portion of body.

The eruption consisted of minute spots. The coloration of the eruption was of a dusky red of a rather florid tint. By Tuesday and Wednesday the eruption became more dingy or reddish brown in hue and some of the spots assumed a marked purplish appearance. Patient was constipated. Found albumen in urine. On Tuesday I was positive of my diagnosis from the symptoms that confronted me (that my patient was suffering from typhus fever) and so reported the case to you as health officer and invited you to visit the patient with me. After seeing this case with me and carefully considering every symptom that presented itself, and concurring in my diagnosis, I at once reported the case to the board of health. Through the kindness of the surgeon in charge of the marine hospital, this case was transferred Wednesday morning from the Providence Infirmary to the marine hospital and there isolated in a tent. Proper disinfection was at once adopted at the Providence Infirmary and everything in connection with the case destroyed. My connection with the case ended on transferring case to marine hospital. Learned patient died Thursday.

Trusting that these few facts in regard to this case will be satisfactory to you,

I remain, yours very truly,

ANGELO FESTORAZZI, M. D.

Weekly report from United States Detention Camp at Egmont Key.

UNITED STATES DETENTION CAMP,
Egmont Key, Fla., August 3, 1899.

SIR: I have to respectfully submit the following report for the week ended August 3, 1899: There have been no arrivals and no departures from the camp, and no other transactions worthy of mention. The work of moving the camp is progressing slowly on account of bad weather prevailing and the swarms of mosquitoes, which greatly interfere with the work.

Respectfully, yours,

G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.